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Kenji KOBAYASHI ) Confirmation No.: 3932  
Application No.: 10/588,953 ) Group Art Unit: 3677  
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For: BINDING PIECE AND BINDING ) **Mail Stop Amendment**  
APPARATUS )  
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**AMENDMENT AND**  
**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

In response to the Non-Final Office Action dated July 23, 2009, the period of response to which extending through October 23, 2009, please amend the above identified application as follows: